

## NO GENERAL REVISION OF PAYROLL OF CITY

Mayor Announces Changes In Salaries During Budget Work Will Be Few.

Mayor Mitchell announced to-day that there would be no general revision of salaries in the city department when the Board of Estimate goes over the estimates for the budget of 1917. The Mayor directed the heads of departments to prepare their estimates so that the sub-committee on budget could begin to review them by June 1, as, under the new law, the budget must be passed

and acted by the Board of Estimate by Sept. 1.

"The salary revision by classes was accomplished last year," said the Mayor. "In so far as standardized rates are to affect men and women now receiving the standard salaries for the schedules agreed upon, they will apply only as the incumbents are promoted to positions created by resignations, removals or deaths."

Wrote "Forgive Me," Then Suicide. Mrs. Mary Balzer, forty-five years old, was found dead in the kitchen of her apartment, No. 543 West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Street, this afternoon. She had a tube from the gas stove in her mouth. On a tiny piece of cardboard she had written "Forgive me." Her husband, Gustave Balzer, is in the automobile supply business at No. 1777 Broadway.

## FOILED AMBITION LED MRS. MARCH TO END HER LIFE

Too Proud to Admit to Husband Failure to Win Fame on Stage.

MYSTERY IN HER LETTER.

Woman Tried to Die Before, but Was Saved by Actress Friend.

Failure to make good as an actress is said to be the reason why Mrs. Julia Singleton March took her life by gas yesterday at her apartment, No. 140 West Fifty-fifth Street. Mrs. March tried to end her life by gas three weeks ago yesterday and reportedly said she would die by her own hand.

Although Mrs. March was estranged from her husband, Forrest O. March, owing to her ambition to become a star, she had plenty of money and was in the best of health. The police are making an investigation as to the location of a black handbag said to have contained many thousands of dollars of jewelry that has disappeared from the March apartment following Mrs. March's death.

Eugene S. Newbold, to whom Mrs. March left a note, called to see Mrs. March on Tuesday evening.

Forrest O. March, the dead woman's husband, from whom she obtained a separation recently because he refused to countenance her ambition to become an actress, remained away from his brokerage offices at No. 71 Broadway to-day. At his home at the Alpha Delta Phi Club in Forty-fourth Street, he stated he had heard from a girl friend of his former wife that Mrs. March had lost a good deal of money invested in theatrical ventures in which a dramatic opportunity was promised her. Wilhelmina Austin told the police yesterday that within a few days Mrs. March had taken her various stage costumes from the closet and laid them out and talked despairingly over them.

Mr. March, who settled a substantial part of a \$240,000 inheritance from his father, a Cleveland banker, on Mrs. March in his effort to keep her from the stage, said that he would have remarried her at any time she had ceased to insist that he approve of her theatrical plans. He said he had heard last night that she had discussed returning to him but had asserted she could not humiliate herself by acknowledging her failure.

P. J. Uhl of No. 10 West Forty-eighth Street, for whom Mrs. March left a sealed note, was her singing teacher and a close friend of her husband. His father, S. Jerome Uhl, the painter, died recently and he has been in Cincinnati for several weeks. A third note was addressed to Mrs. N. L. Singleton, Mrs. March's mother, at Atlanta. Coroner Hellenstein sent Mrs. Singleton a telegram and she replied saying she would reach New York to-morrow. A fourth letter in the coroner's custody is one addressed to Mrs. March and found unopened just inside the door sill of her apartment. It will be turned over to Mrs. Singleton. None of the notes will be opened by the coroner; he holds that their contents are not necessary to establish the fact that Mrs. March committed suicide.

## MRS. JULIA S. MARCH, WHO KILLED SELF AFTER FAILURE ON THE STAGE.



lish the fact that Mrs. March committed suicide. Mrs. Juliet Singleton March would kill herself following her failure to make good on the stage and prompted by jealous motives," said Miss Nancy Greeley, who was Mrs. March's most intimate friend.

"Mrs. March was in love with the stage and the plays she took part in failed half an hour when I went to her apartment, and then she told me that life held nothing for her, and that she was about to depart by her own hand. She declared that she would die rather than have her friends mock at her failure to become a stage star.

"To show you just what kind of a woman she was, I stopped her from taking her life three weeks ago. I was in her apartment and Mrs. March excused herself and said she was going into the kitchen to prepare an evening dress. She was there about half an hour when I heard gas. I found the kitchen door locked and called to Mrs. March. She told me that all would soon be over for her as she was going to die.

"I begged Mrs. March to open the door. At first she refused, but when I told her that her pet dog, Togo, was ill she opened the door and fainted. Even after that she declared that she would end it all."

Wilhelmina Austin, the maid in the March house, said to-day that her mistress made preparations to give up her costly apartment on May 1 and was to move to a hotel. She also said that of late her mistress and Mr. March phoned more frequently, and that rumor was rife that a reconciliation was about to take place.

When asked about the mysterious black bag, Miss Austin said that it was Mrs. March's habit to place her jewels in it when she went on a long trip.

Committee Asks Mayor for Permission to Use Jasper Oval—Chicago May Lure Him.

Billy Sunday has agreed to spend January 1917 in New York City and give the large body of local sinners a chance to march up the sawdust trail, but the committee which has arranged for his presence has been unable so far to find a location for the trail. The money for the tabernacle has been subscribed, but choice sites in Manhattan are already covered with skyscrapers and such things.

The committee on location, J. M. Spears, President of James McCutcheon & Co.; Eben E. Olcott, President of the Albany Day Time, and Attorney John Nicolson, has finally appealed to Mayor Mitchell for permission to use Jasper Oval, City College's athletic field, which would be a fine place for the 20,000 capacity tabernacle. The Mayor isn't sure he has the right to grant its use for religious purposes, and the Corporation Counsel is investigating.

Mr. Olcott says unless a decision is reached within a few days, we'll lose Sunday. Chicago is trying to coax him away.

LOGICAL CONCLUSION.  
(From the Kansas City Times.)  
A Kansas man wrote to his newspaper and asked: "What's the matter with my hens? Every morning when I go to feed them I find some of them have keeled over to rise no more."

To which the editor replied: "They're dead."

REALLY HAPPENED.  
(From the Birmingham Age Herald.)  
"I saw where a Kansas farmer blew into town the other day and said: 'Don't use slang. Say he arrived in town.' I'm not using slang. There was a cyclone and his house came with him."

SEEKING SAFETY.  
(From the Philadelphia Ledger.)  
"I'll call on your father first thing in the morning to ask his consent to our wedding, dearest."  
"Love, I think you'd better call him on the phone."

## OLD MEMBERS OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER IN JOLLY REUNION

The Old and New of Lower West Side Meet in "Get Together Party."

STORY TELLERS ALL.

And the Yarns They Spun and the Games They Played—Well!

The old and the new of West Sixteenth Street and the section of the city just north of Greenwich Village came together last night in a great and jolly reunion. From far and near the parishioners and the former parishioners of the Church of St. Francis Xavier, for more than sixty-five years the predominating Catholic influence on the lower west side, went to the Grand Central Palace to meet old friends and talk over old times.

The gathering in the large ballroom of the Palace was indeed unique. The affair was called a reunion, and if a reunion is a get-together party, that is the word. There was nothing formal, no set programme; everybody was just to meet everybody else and do anything he pleased. There was dancing for the dancers, euchre for the euchre players, pinocle for the pinocle players, pool—Oh, no! not pool, but everything else with conversation starting with a "Do you remember when..." as the favorite indoor sport.

The famous church is now in one of the busiest sections of the city, surrounded by office buildings, warehouses and factories; but less than twenty-five years ago it was regarded as one of the most fashionable churches and was in the centre of a residence section in which many of the wealthiest and oldest Catholic families lived. Many of the old families still retain their pews, and they were either in attendance or sent messages of good cheer to the gathering of parishioners.

HED SACRIFICE HIMSELF TO HELP OUT THE PRESIDENT?

Father Thomas F. White, S. J., the pastor of the church, met the reuniting parishioners as they came in and he was assisted by a hard working committee charged with the task of making everybody comfortable. Richard Delaney, who is endeavoring at the moment to settle the differences of President Wilson and Tammany on the postmaster's chair, was Father White's first aid, and if good wishes could aid him he would soon be close to a settlement. Mr. Delaney's method of settling the difficulty is to have the President appoint him to the \$10,000 a year job.

Running Mr. Delaney a close second as a handshaker was little Jimmy Smith, who established a record of welcoming sixty guests a minute, and he had a salutation and a handshake for every one. Others were former State Senator W. J. A. Caffery, Lawyer John J. Cuneen, Joseph Fargis, who advises the church in all legal matters; James J. Ramsey, the popular Appraiser of Taxes, and Edward J. Talent, the wealthy real estate dealer who holds undisputed the title of "Mayor of Sixteenth Street" (west side only).

One of the most prominent of the old timers in attendance was Thomas White, the biscuit man, who has taken an active part in every church celebration for many years. John H. Halloran, who has kept a restaurant on Sixth Avenue, near Fourteenth Street, for more than a quarter of a century, was in a story telling contest, in which his closest rivals were Patrick White and Frank O'Kane, both of whom have lived in the parish for more than fifty years.

POLYGLOTS, THERE IN FORCE, AND THE LADIES! MY!

The politicians were strongly represented. Leader Charles Culkin of the Fifth Assembly District was there, as were former Fire Commissioner George Olvany, Alderman Joseph Hannon, Assemblyman Maurice McDonald and State Senator James J. Walker. Congressman Michael Farley could not attend, but he telegraphed his best wishes to his many old friends. Patrick Brennan and Samuel G. Dooley, who expect to be aids to Mr. Delaney if the President should agree to his plan of settling the Post Office difficulty, were busy sounding sentiment for Mr. Delaney among his neighbors.

And now for the real important persons, the ladies. Yes, they were there in angelic hosts. All the beauty of the lower west side was under one roof for at least this occasion. Among the patronesses were: Mrs. Eugene Anderson, Mrs. Flora M. Barstow, Mrs. H. C. Bradford, Mrs. Helen M. Cain, Miss Crane, Mrs. R. J. Doherty, Mrs. N. A. Donnelly, Miss Fink, Mrs. James Wall Finn, Miss Fort, Mrs. Edward B. Gethin, Mrs. Outerbridge Horsey, Miss Jarvis, Mrs. George P. Labadie, the Misses Lynch, Mrs. John A. Linher, Mrs. A. M. Livingston, Mrs. Thomas P. McKenna, Miss Mahon, Mrs. James Mitchell, Mrs. L. M. Mooney, Mrs. N. M. Munoz, Mrs. Archibald Murray, Mrs. M. J. O'Connor, Mrs. W. P. O'Connor, the Misses Padlan, Mrs. Francis J. Quinn, Mrs. Matthew Rath, Mrs. Herbert D. Robbins, Mrs. Casanova Schreen, Mrs. David Smith, Mrs. John J. Sweeney, Mrs. Miles Tierney, Mrs. H. T. Thomas, Mrs. S. H. Wakeman and Mrs. Cabot Ward.

White Asks a Jury Trial. When Bouck White, pastor of the Church of the Social Revolution, was arraigned in Special Sessions yesterday, pleading to a charge of having desecrated the American flag was deferred until May 3 at his own request. Immediately afterward he went before Judge Crain in General Sessions and moved for a jury trial. Judge Crain took the motion under advisement.

HIS BIG MISTAKE. (From the Pittsburgh Post.)

"What's the matter?" he asked of the June bridegroom.

"I'm in bad. My wife says her faith in me is hopelessly shattered."

"What terrible thing have you done?"

"It didn't seem so terrible at the start I broke a dish and tried to blame it on my wife's pet cat."

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## HER FIFTEENTH CHILD BORN.

Her fifteenth child, a girl, was born yesterday to Mrs. Charles Current of Germany Plats, near Sparta, N. J. Thirteen of her children are boys, and the oldest is nineteen.

There were no twins or triplets. All are in good health except one, who was injured by a fall when four years old. When the ninth boy arrived—the first

twelve of her children were born—of the neighbors presented Mr. Current with a baseball bat, ball and glove, for "the Current nine."

AN EXPERT. (From the Indianapolis Star.)

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